



## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

### Ad Hoc Challenge Materials Committee Meeting

May 26, 2022

2:00 PM

Curriculum Resource Room

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## AGENDA

- Review of Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials Process
- Challenged Materials
  - Nineteen Minutes by J. Picoult
- Good of the Order



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## Committee Response Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials

**Committee Meeting Date:** May 26, 2022

**Date Challenge to Instruction and/or Media Materials Form Received:** Per Ad Hoc committee, a recommendation was made January 24, 2022, to review the email from [REDACTED] (sent 10/14/21) with a list of materials, reviewed by the Florida Citizens Alliance, based upon citation of objections referencing violation of State Statute FS 847.012. No form was officially submitted for individual books.

***NOTE: To be in compliance with Board Policies, complainant submitted a Challenge Form. See pages 4-6 of this response document.***

**Submitted by:** [REDACTED]

**Challenged Material:** Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult

**Complainant:** Book is being challenged per FS 847.012.

**Decision:**

- Recommend continued use of challenged material as instructional materials and for media circulation
- Recommend continued use for media circulation only
- Recommend continued use for instructional purposes only
- Recommend continued use of challenged material with the following guidelines:  
This book is approved for media circulation only at school sites serving 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. In addition, this book is only approved for students in the eleventh grade and beyond. It is also recommended that parental permission is required prior to a student checking this book out of the media center.
- Recommend to discontinue use of challenged material during instruction and remove from media circulation



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### **Additional Comments and/or Notes:**

While this book is in media circulation, it is not included in current district curriculum or coursework. Parents may exercise their parental rights within the Parent Bill of Rights and submit an individual request to their child's school for an alert to be placed on the child's Destiny account, identifying the book as prohibited for media checkout.

### Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Director of Elementary School Curriculum & Instruction

Director of High School Curriculum & Instruction

Secondary Coordinator of Reading

Diversity & Inclusion Representative

Curriculum Advisory Representative

### Non-Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Coordinator for Instructional Technology and Instructional Materials – Facilitator

Content Specialist for Instructional Technology and Instructional Materials – Recorder

Director of Middle School Curriculum & Instruction



# Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Material

School or District: Lee County Public Schools Date: June 15, 2022

Please check type of instructional material:

Book: \_\_\_\_\_  AV (Video, CD, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Identify): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Nineteen Minutes

Author: J. Picoult

Publisher or Producer: \_\_\_\_\_

Request initiated by name: [Redacted]

Student Name: N/A

Telephone Address: [Redacted]

City: [Redacted] State: [Redacted] Zip Code: [Redacted]

**It is expected that the material in question has been read, viewed, or listened to in its entirety. Please complete the following questions. If insufficient space is provided, attach additional sheets.**

(Please sign your name to each additional attachment)

1. What brought this material to your attention? Public Records Request

2. Did you examine the entire material? No If not, what parts did you examine? Selected Excerpts

3. To what in the material do you object? (Please be specific. Cite pages, film sequence, etc.)  
See attached report.

4. What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material?  
I do not know.

5. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material?  
Promiscuous sex outside of marriage and under age.

6. For what age group would you recommend this material? 18+

7. In your opinion, is there anything of value in this material?  
Yes, but only for the right families and students.

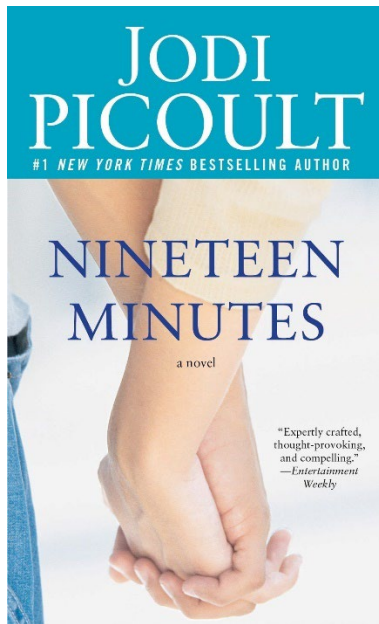
8. Have you read any critical reviews of this material? If so, what? Please be specific. No

9. What would you like the school or district to do about this material? Check your choice.  
 Do not assign it to my child  
 Other (Please explain) Tag the book to alert the parent to the potential objectionable nature of the book.

[Redacted Signature]  
Signature of Objector

June 25, 2022  
Date (M/D/Y)

**Please submit to the school principal for review.**



## Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult

Pg. 223-224 Now she felt his hands moving under her T-shirt, slipping beneath the lace of her bra. Her legs tangled with his; he rubbed up against her. When Matt tugged up her shirt, so that the cool air feathered over her skin, she snapped back to reality. "We can't do this," she whispered. Matt's teeth scraped over her shoulder. "We're parked on the side of the road." He looked up at her, drugged, feverish. "But I want you," Matt said, like he had a dozen times. This time, though, she glanced up. I want you. Josie could have stopped him, but she realized she did not intend to. He wanted her, and right now, that was what she most needed to hear. There was a moment when Matt went still, wondering if the fact that she hadn't shoved his hands away meant what he thought it meant. She heard the rip of a foil condom packet-How long had he been carrying that around? Then he tore at his jeans and hiked up her skirt, as if he still expected her to change her mind. Josie felt Matt pulling aside the elastic of her underwear, the burn of his finger pushing inside her. This was nothing like the times before, when his touch had left a track like a comet over her skin; when she found herself aching after she told him she wanted to stop. Matt shifted his weight and came down on top of her again, only this time there was more burning, more pressure. "Ow," she whimpered, and Matt hesitated. "I don't want to hurt you," he said. She turned her head away. "Just do it," Josie said, and Matt pushed his hips flush against hers. It was the kind of pain that-even though she was expecting it-made her cry out. Matt mistook that for passion. "I know, baby," he groaned. She could feel his heartbeat, but from the inside, and then he started to move faster, bucking against her like a fish released from a hook on a dock. Josie wanted to ask Matt whether it had hurt the first time he had done it, too. She wondered if it always would hurt. Maybe the pain was the price everyone paid for love.

Pg. 225 ...but Drew Girard had rented the uncut version of a teen sex comedy, and the guys were discussing who was hotter, Elisha Cuthbert or Shannon Elizabeth. "I wouldn't throw either of them out of bed," Drew said. "What makes you think they'd get in in the first place?" John Eberhard laughed.

Pg. 226 Josie glanced up at him. "I'll come when I want to come." Matt smiled at his friends, smug. "You never came in your life before you met me," he said.

Pg. 228 Peter shuffled toward the back of Matt's team. "You ought to be good at this game, Peter," Matt said, loud enough so that everyone else could hear. "Just keep your hands on the balls."

Pg. 201 "When was the last time you got laid?"

Pg. 287 got a massive boner."

Pg. 309 He worked his way down her body, from mouth to neck, from neck to breasts, and then his fingers would do a search-and-rescue mission below the waistband of her jeans. ...and then Matt would roll off her and take the condom out of his wallet so they could have sex

Matt had already peeled off her clothes, and now he was leaning over her like a tidal wave, pulling down his boxers. He sprang free and settled between Josie's legs.

Pg. 313 He pinned her hands over her head and ground his hips against hers. She could feel his erection, hot against her stomach. It wasn't the way it normally was, but Josie had to admit that it was exciting. She couldn't remember ever feeling so heavy, as if her heart were beating between her legs. She clawed at Matt's back to bring him closer, "Yeah," he groaned, and he pushed her thighs apart. And then suddenly Matt was inside her, pumping so hard that she scooted backward on the carpet, burning the backs of her legs. "Wait," Josie said, trying to roll away beneath him, but he clamped his hand over her mouth and drove harder and harder until Josie felt him come. Semen, sticky and hot, pooled on the carpet beneath her.